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Patient Information Sheet for Additional Dose of mRNA Vaccine

On August 12, 2021, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized an additional vaccine dose for certain immunocompromised individuals with the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine (12 years old and up) and the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine (18 years old and up).

Following that authorization, CDC and MCDPH now recommend that people whose immune systems are moderately to severely compromised should receive an additional dose of mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) after the initial 2 doses.

You are eligible to receive an additional (third) dose if you have:

- Been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood
- Received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Received a stem cell transplant within the last 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune response

You should talk to your healthcare provider about your medical condition if you have any question whether you fit this criteria.

You should receive the same mRNA vaccine that you received for the first 2 doses for your 3rd dose unless that vaccine type is not available. There should be at least 28 days since the last dose of mRNA vaccine was administered. There is currently no recommendation for an additional dose of vaccine following administration of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine for any group of people.